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wealth. Thus, like Eve from the side of Adam, was taken from Utah the "rib" composing the greater part of the present state of Nevada.*

During the winter of 1861-2 the Utah Legislature defined anew the boundaries of the Territory and its several counties. These then numbered seventeen, and were named as follows: Great Salt Lake, Davis, Weber, Box Elder, Cache, Utah, Tooele, Sanpete, Millard, Iron, Beaver, Washington, Morgan, Wasatch, and Green River. How most of them came into existence has already been briefly told, and will be related more fully hereafter. Of the others, whose histories in detail are also yet to be given, a word now in passing.

Cache County had been pioneered in July and September, 1856, by Peter Maughan and a small company from Tooele Valley. They built Maughan's Fort, where Wellsville now stands, and in April following organized the county, which had already been created by the Legislature. Peter Maughan became the first probate judge of Cache County. Associated with him in his pioneering labors were his sons William H. and John, and such men as George Brown, John Tate, Zial Riggs, Morgan Morgan, Francis Grimes, and Thompson, William Gardner, Abel, John T., and William Garr. At the time of "the move" in 1858, Cache Valley was vacated, but the ensuing spring found Judge Maughan back at his home in the north. He with others next located the site of Logan. In August of that year William B. Preston and the Thatcher brothers, John B. and Aaron D., joined the colony on Logan River. And later, Father Hezekiah Thatcher and the remainder of his family, including his sons George W. and Moses, moved into the valley which they and their kindred have since done so much to develop and adorn. William B. Preston, the first bishop of Logan, the present Presiding Bishop of the Mormon Church, and his brother-in-law, Apostle

* This same year the Territory of Colorado was organized out of portions of Utah, New Mexico, Kansas and Nebraska. By this act the eastern boundary of Utah was placed at the 32nd meridian. Nevada became a State in 1864. She then had a population of 42,491.